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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

General Dynamics - Convair Division
3302 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92138

June 1985

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History and Problem:

General Dynamics has been located at this site since 1935. They are involved with aerospace manufacturing. Within the complex are several divisions, including the Convair Division. There are three main areas within convair where hazardous waste is generated. Building #1 has a small electroplating process, acid etching, alkaline cleaning, and a vapor degreaser. Building #3 has a chemical process operation (not specified) and phosphoric acid anodizing. Building #75 has a large chemical processing operation. There are many other buildings on the property, but they are involved with other divisions. The wastes include acid and alkaline liquids, oily water, solvents, oils, paint waste, hazardous waste solids, asbestos and PCBs. The wastes are stored in either drums or tanks. The solvents and oils are recycled, the others are disposed off-site.

There have been numerous spills and incidents on site in the last 20 years. Most of the spills have been to the sewer system, although there have been some on the **floor** in the building. The spills have been attributed to "operator error". General Dynamics was to have installed a pre-treatment system prior to receiving an industrial waste discharge permit. All other health agencies have issued permits. This site has been completely paved since the 1930's.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends no further CERCLA action. Although there have been problems with spills in the past, they have been minor and mainly to the sewer. There

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is no documented evidence of actual disposal of hazardous waste onsite. This report will be referred to the Hazardous Materials Section of the San Diego County Health Department for inspection and follow-up on the spills.

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	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number	RCRA database 05-23-84	CAD 041512427
2. Site Name	Industrial Waste Haulers Survey December 1980	General Dynamics-Convair Division
3. Site Location	Abandoned Site Project (ASP) driveby June 1983	3302 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92138
4. County	Hazardous Materials Management Permit, San Diego County 1983	San Diego
5. Owner	Industrial Waste Disposal Survey 1985	San Diego Port District (no address given)
	San Diego Pacific Telephone 1984	Port of San Diego 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92138 (619) 291-3900
6. Operator	See #2	General Dynamics 7733 Forsyth Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63105
7. Type of Ownership	See #2	Corporation
8. Status	See #5 (a)	Active
9. Source Activity	See #5 (a)	Aerospace manufacturing
10. Years of Operation	See #5 (a)	1935 to present

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11. Facility Type	Agency search 05-28-85 Industrial Waste Div.	(16) tanks; 10,000-12,000 gal each ✓ fume scrubbers ✓ vapor degreaser ✓
	San Diego County Department of Health inspectio 06-14-84	55 gal. drums ✓
	Air Pollution Control District, agency search July 20, 1983	(2) underground tanks-diesel ✓
12. Waste Type	See #5 (a)	Acid liquid ✓ Alkaline Liquid ✓ Oily water ✓ Solvent liquid ✓ Oils ✓ flammable solids (paint wastes) ✓ Hazardous waste solids ✓ Asbestos ✓ PCBs (liquids + empty carcasses) ✓
	Drum and tanks list- disclosure; permit 1984	Acids - chromic, nitric, hydro- fluoric, sulfuric, sodium dichromate Halogens - methylene chloride ✓ Solvents - toluene, phenol, xylene ✓ oil paint sludge ✓

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13. Contacts:

None.

14. Incidents:

01-07-65 through 11-29-82 repeated history of spills and incidents of polluted discharge; see entire list - Water Utilities/Industrial Waste Div. agency search 05-28-85.

15. Inspections:

11-14-80 S.D. County, Industrial Waste Division, discover history of spills; order monitoring of certain substances

06-07-83 ASP driveby, large site, unable to see.

06-14-84 S.D. County Environmental Health, handed out disclosure and permit form.

16. Enforcement History:

None documented.

17. Initial Recommendations:

Staff recommends no further action. Although there have been problems with spills in the past, most have been into the sewer. There is no documented evidence of actual disposal of hazardous waste onsite.

EPA Recommendation:

EPA concurs with the DHS initial recommendation of no further CERCLA action at this site. There is no evidence of actual disposal of hazardous waste on-site and no evidence of groundwater or soil contamination at or near the site. The entire site has been paved since 1930 and most spills occurring in the past have been into the sewer. DHS has referred this site to the Hazardous Materials Section of the San Diego County Health Department for inspection and follow-up on the spills.

Joy M. Hirabayashi, Remedial Project Manager, EPA 9/17/86

Concur. There does not appear to be an uncontrolled hazardous waste problem at this site.

No further action under Cercla is warranted.

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